Establishment of laboratories

2348. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any scheme or plan to finance the State Government to establish laboratories in their States on the lines as the National Institute of Virology, Pune;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how many States have applied for funds to upgrade or start such laboratories;

(d) how many institutes were assisted by Government; and

(e) the steps proposed to establish such laboratories in more places around the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Non-Availability of Doctors

2349. SHRI N.R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that not even a single doctor is available in many of the health centers in the country as per WHO report;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have assessed the situation and availability of doctors and other medical professionals in rural health centers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken to appoint doctors and other medical professionals in rural health centers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (e) A bulletin of the World Health Organisation, South East Asia Regional